

1829  
**A**  
**PLAIN PROOF**

**OF**  
**The true Father and Mother**  
**Of the pretended**

**PRINCE of WALES**

**BY**

**Several Letters written by the late Queen**  
*in France; The Earle of Tyrconnel, Lord Deputy of Ire-*  
*land, The Dutcheſs of Powis, Governess to the pre-*  
*tended Prince; Mr. Carrell, the Queens Secretary, and*  
*Father Lewis Sabran, Chaplain & Tutor to the Prince.*

**W I T N E S S**

**Informations of several Persons of Note**  
*Plainly discovering the whole*  
**Management of that Imposture.**

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**From the Originals, as they were Intercepted, and De-**  
**liver'd to his present Majesty.**

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**L O N D O N**

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A true Copy of his Grace  
the Duke of Shrewsbury's Certificate.

**I** Do hereby certify, that in November 1689. Mr. William Fuller came to me, and did make severall considerable Discoveries of the Intreagues of the Enemies of the present Government, And he was by my encouragement sent into France; And at his Return did perform very great Service for the Preservation of their Majesties Sacred Person, and the Peace and Security of their Government: And that it was by his endeavours, that Mr. Matthew Crone was detected and convicted of High Treason. Given under my hand this 15th. of April, 1692.

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To the Right Honourable, Sir Richard  
Levett, Kt. Lord Mayor,

And to the Right Worshipful, the Al-  
dermen and Sheriffs of the City of  
London.

I Hope the same Noble Disposition which has inspir'd  
you bravely on all occasions, to demonstrat your Zeal  
for the Preservation of the present Government, by  
supporting the best of Kings, will induce you favourably to  
look on, and protect this short, but true Narrative of the  
most secret and subtile Design of the late Reign; which  
was a Contrivance so deeply laid, to root out the Protestant  
Religion, and all things else valuable to every true English  
Man, that nothing but the mighty power and favour of  
God could deliver this Nation from: I hope there can be  
no Danger of a Relapse; And verily believe there will not,  
unless Sins and Ignorance rule the People of this Land into  
a Lethargy of Security — You, Gentlemen, are the Ru-  
lers over a great People, and it is much in your power, by your  
Authority and Example, to preserve the lasting Peace of this  
Kingdom: Therefore I humble beg your patronage of this  
piece; which as a strange Mountain, bids Desiance to all its  
Opposers; And the Truth thereof may at one time be more  
powerful than the Arms of a Popish pretender; and thereby  
be of Use to you and your posterity.

May Almighty GOD long preserve the present  
King, under whose Care you and your famous  
City are sure of peace and Prosperity, it is the  
Prayers of

Your most Devoted; and  
Obedient Servant  
W. FULLER.

# The P R E F A C E.

Since the happy Conclusion of the Peace, that many of your Nation have had their Tours into *France*: It is very observable, how strangely the Mouths of some come back, are filled with the mighty Actions of that Heroick Gentleman, pretended Prince of *Wales*; they seem so to adore him, that were he truly what they pretend, King *James* 3, or His Queens Son, (as he is neither) these Gentlemen could not exceed their flattering Praises: It must be confess'd, That Pomp and Shew often makes Men seem what they are not, and so it does here; For this young Spark being by the late King and Queen own'd as their Son, as soon as Born of Mrs. *Gray*, it behoves them to maintain him as such, whilst there is any hopes of imposing him to the Advantage of the Roman Catholick Cause, which was the first Ground of their Design; and even at this day is no less than what the Jesuits and Priests both at Home and Abroad, do very confidently affirm, will answer their design of settling Popery in this Kingdom in a short time: Being myself in *July* last at *Antwerp*, and conversing there with several *English* Priests and Jesuits, particularly one Father *Hunter*, a Jesuit, the only *English* in the great and famous Colledge there; he told me plainly, That however Matters seem'd to stand against the Interest of the Church of *Rome* at this time; He question'd not but to hear *Mass* said a Hundred times in *St. Paul's* Church in *London* before he Died; adding for one Reason, That he was much younger than King *William*, and hoping to out live him, he saw no other obstacle in their way; most of the other Jesuits and Priests gave their Opinion to the same Effect, and seem'd to speak not of their own Judgment barely, but according to their Advice from *England* &c. And did



## The PREFACE.

did frankly tell me, That they had now, notwithstanding the late Act of Parliament against them, above Seven Thousand Priests in *England*: And I know very well, that there is every Week very great Sums of Money remitted from *England*, for the use of the Religious there. So much do Intreagues and Interest prosper, which if rightly consider'd, is a sufficient cause for every true *English* Men, to join in the Suppressing such a growing Evil: But to return to our Business in hand, since the most unhappy, most unspeakable loss of His Highness the Duke of *Gloucester*, has given new and strange Hopes to that Party of *England's* Foes. It cannot be a miss, once more to remind them, whose Son, their darling Hopes, the pretended Prince of *Wales* is, which is here done by several Letters, sufficiently attested to be the true Copies taken from the Originals of the late Queen, and her chief Persons of Quality's own Writing, and some of the Originals (as they were sent from *Ireland* by persons of Quality their, that took them out of the Dutchess of *Tyronnel's* Trunk) are yet in being, and ready to be produced when occasion offers. If it may be objected, why they were not publish'd sooner? I Answer, That I did intend it four Years ago, and hoping from time to time to have brought the matter to a Hearing, before the Right Honourable the House of Lords, I was constrained to delay the publishing of them on that Score only; But having been beyond the Seas, and conversing with Father *Lewis Salwan*, who was Chaplain to the pretended Prince, and one chief Manager of this Intreague, now residing at the *English* Colledge in *Liege*. I do undertake to Answer the said Father, by proving not only the Suppositious Birth of the pretended Prince, but the whole Management in every particular, at the time of the late Queen's pretending to deliver'd at *St. James's* the 10th. of *June*, 1688. with a particular account of the true Mothers being cruelly Murther'd in *March* 1690.



A Plain Proof of the true *Father* and  
*Mother* of the Pretended Prince of  
*Wales.*

**A** Bout four Years since, I published a small Narrative, shewing, by several Circumstances, how Reasonable it was for every discerning Judgement impartially to discern by those Truths I related, how cunningly the Transactions of the late Reign were managed, by imposing an Impostor Child to be Heir to the Crowns of these Kingdoms of *Great Britain*, and *Ireland*.

A short Time after my Book was out, it had so far convinced many that before were doubtful concerning that suppositious Birth, that instantly the whole Party of *Papists*, and hot-brain'd *Jacobites* fell hard me; But instead of disproving any one Particular which I had alleged against the Legitimate Birth (as they pretended to vindicate) a certain Author of Quality, as He terms Himself, (being ashamed of His Name and Cause too, as We have Reason to believe) Scribbles a few sheets, and sends them into the World, in Hopes to Banter Truth (according to the Old Custom) and falls to a downright railing against Me, charging Me with Crimes I never knew, and from these Inventions of His own Brain, endeavours to draw Reasons to hinder or Invalidate the Truth of my Relation: But I shall not trouble You with His Banter or Character, only say, I know Him; And tho' he be a Man of Quality, he is also so well known by the People of  
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England, especially the Tradesmen of London, that there is hardly one that will Trust him on any Score.

There is two things material which I cannot but take Notice of.

The first is, His bringing all the Depositions which were made at *Westminster* by King *JAMES* His Friends before the Revolution; and at the end of them this Author seems to stand in Admiration, That so mean a Person as *Hale* should obtain any Credit against such a Number of Depositions, made by persons of so high a Rank & Quality, amongst which some were *Protestants*.

To this I answer, That all their Depositions to my Assertions against the true Birth of this Child: For whoever pleases to consider those Depositions, they will find that there is not one Person who says, They saw or felt the Child come from the Queen's Body, tho' Mrs *Wilks*, the *Papish* Midwife, swears, she cut the Child's Navel-String, which we verily believe she might; for, as We shall presently shew, Mrs *Grey*, the true Mother of that Child, was Delivered by Mrs. *Wilks*, not many Minutes before the Child was conveyed in the Warming-Pan into the Queen's Bed.

Secondly, This Noble Author would insinuate, That whatever I published at that Time, (it being in the last Year of the late War with *France*) I should be silent enough when once a Peace was concluded, and that the Persons I charged with the management of that Imposture had the opportunity to answer for themselves.

To this I Reply, That it is sufficiently known, the Wars have now been over about the Years, and those Persons We would justify have had all the Opportunities imaginable to have made their Defence, and done themselves and the pretended Prince, Right: if it had Injurd either. They could not be ignorant of what I charged against them, by Reason many of my Books in *English* were sent to *France*, and the same Book was Translated both into *French* and *Dutch*, and Printed at the *Hague* and *Amsterdam*,

am, and other Places beyond the Seas, as is sufficiently known.

But to avoid Arguments, not material, and come close to the matter, I must now tell the World, that I lately ventur'd my self abroad into *Flanders*, where I met my former Tutor, Father *Lewis Sabran*, of the *Jesuits Society*, he being now a kind of Superior to these *English* ones of that Society, who Reside at the City of *Liege*. He was Chaplain to the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and one of the chief Actors in the management of that Imposture (as You find him charged in my former Book) With this Father I had some Disputes at the later end of *July* last, and his Endeavour was to perswade me to return to the Church of *Rome*, and live the Remainder of my Life in that Place, by entring myself into their Society (that is to be a Lay Brother) but I could by no means yeild to his Inducements. Upon which, after a short sharp Disput, the good Father and I parted with this Resolve, That to what I had formerly published, I would at my coming to *England* expose his Letters, and all the remaining Passages wherein he was concerned, and send him them in Print, desiring his Reply and Confutation, if I did him or others any Injury. He promised he would do it if I gave Occasion. Therefore, with humble Submission, I think, I cannot proceed more fairly to justify the Truth of my Narrative, than by setting down first what I know concerning the Management of that Intrigue, which has been already, and can at any Time be sufficiently prov'd as follows, viz.

*First*, That in *May* 1628. The Countess of *Tyrconnel* came over from *Ireland* in the *Monmouth Yacht*, Captaine *Wright* Commandder, and brought with her two Young Gentlewomen big with child. This is prov'd by Capt. *Wright*, and others belonging to the Yacht, as also by a great many People of Quality and others in *Ireland*.

*Secondly*, I do aver, That one of these two Gentlewomen who came over with the said Countess of *Tyrconnel*,

nel, ( ~~she~~ was with her on the Road towards London ) fell on Labour, and lay in at ~~St.~~ *St. Alban's*, which is Testify'd by several on that Road, and the Inhabitants as *St. Albans*.

*Thirdly*, I do aver, That the other of these Women that came over from *Ireland*, and to *London*, with the Countess of *Tyrconnel*, ( her Name being *Mrs. Mary Gray* ) was brought big with Child, and Lodged in two small Chambers over the Lady *Stricklands* Lodgings, near to the Queens Apartment, in the palace of *St. James's*, which said Chamber, joind also to the Marchioness of *Powis's* Lodgings, and were the most privat and convenient for their intended purpose in the whole Palace.

*Fourthly*, I do aver, That on *Saturday* the 9th. of *June* 1688, the same *Mrs. Gray* fell into pains, upon which *Mrs. Wilks* was brought to her, and that Attre-noon the Queen came privately to *St. James's*, and pretended also of a sudden, to find the Symptoms of her approaching Delivery, which increased according as *Mrs. Gray* did in Reality; and *Mrs. Gray* being deliver'd betwixt the Hours of Nine and Ten on *Sunday* Morning, the Tenth of *June*, the Child of the said *Mrs. Gray* was convey'd in a Warming-pan, which I saw *Mrs. Labaddie* carry from *Mrs. Grays* Chamber along the narrow Gallery, and so passed into the back Room, next to that the Queen lay in.

*Fifthly*, I do aver, That this very same *Mrs. Grey*, three Weeks after the time of her Delivery, was by Command sent to *Dover* in a Coach and six Horses, accompany'd by *Father Lewis Sabran*, the Marchioness of *Powis's* Woman, and my self; and that she was there met by one *Father Grey*, a secular Priest, who liv'd at *Calis*, and call'd her Sister, with whom she went on Board the Packet Boat, in order to go for *Calis*, and from thence to the *Benedictine Nunnery* in *Paris*: And this is prov'd by the Persons where she and we lodged,



and is well remembered by the Master of the ~~Jack~~ Boat, who had often before and since, both seen and Drank with Father Grey her Brother, at *Calis*, and heard him say, his Sister, meaning this *Mary Grey* was gone to end her days in a Nunnery.

*Sixthly*, I do aver, That the said *Mary Grey*, in *February 1690*, (there being a Breach in the Garden-Walls of that Cloyster at that time) did make her escape out of the said Convent of *English Benedictine Nuns* in *Paris*, and upon which, a diligent Search was made after her in *Paris*, and after three days she was found again.

This I prove by several Persons Inhabitants in *Paris*, who dwell near the Convent, which will remember the Breach at that time, and the search which was made after a Woman who had made her escape. And if our Enemies should here alledge it was another Woman, and not *Mrs. Grey*. I answer, It behoves them to prove who that other Woman was; And forasmuch, as in a few Days after *Mrs. Grey* was carried to *St. Germain's* from the said Convent, (where she was kept under a strict Guard after her Escape) it likewise concerns them to demonstrate, what became of her afterwards.

And whereas, I do further charge them with Murthering her; certainly, if they're not Guilty, it is easy to disprove my Assertion, by either producing her, or proving where, and how she died.

And yet further, I do attest, That this *Mary Grey* was meerly Murther'd (she being the true Mother of the pretended Prince of *Wales*) to prevent her discovering the same to the honest People of *England*, whom they term the Enemies of the late King and Queen: Therefore, if she were not put to Death, meerly on that account, it will be a mighty Justification to the Court of *St. Germain's*, if they please to shew for what cause she was Murther'd. so that these my  
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positive Assertions, being so answer'd, as I propose, I will not only confess my Error, but shall freely lay my Life at their Mercy, tho' I am sure to find none : As for Father *Sabran*, I verily believe I have left him little or no Room for a Reply. But partly pursuant to a former promise of mine, in my first and second Narrative, and to make the matter more apparent, I here following present the Courtious Reader with a few true Copies of Letters, writ by the late King *James's* Queen, and others, concerning Mrs. *Grey*; and the first two Letters were wrote upon the occasion of a great Fright, which Mrs. *Grey* gave the Queen, when she made her escape, which occasion'd the Queen to order me to go for *England* with the saids Letters immediately; but Mrs. *Grey* being taken, and exprs was dispatch'd after me, to call me back to *St. Germain's*, when I found the Queen overjoy'd at taking of the *lost Sheep*, as the Queen was pleas'd to term Mrs. *Grey*. The following Letter was wrote by the Queens own hand, directed to me, to deliver to the Lord *Montgomery* in *England*.

## LETTER I.

At *St. Germain's*, Feb. 10. 1690.

I Desire You, my Lord, instantly to Repair to *Rumby Marsh*, and take with You my Servant *Ashton*, with others whom You can trust; For Mrs. *Grey* is convey'd out of the Cloyster, no doubt, by the Help of our Enemies Agents at *Paris*. I need not urge to You the dangerous Consequence of this Womans ariving safely in *England*: But, as You tender the Interest of Our Holy Mother and all things else, which I believe are dear to You. I charge You not to fail to get her dispatcht at her Landing, which must be consequently in those Parts in a small Vessel, Care being taken to prevent her Escap

kape otherwise; the Bearer will inform You further. I shall pray for Your Success. Your assured Friend, Mary R.

*This Letter was Writ by the late Queens hand, and copied by Fuller, to whom the Queen gave it to deliver to the Lord Montgomery; and the said Letter being made up in the Pipe of a Key, he had the Oportunity of taking the Contents, Which Mr. Fuller, deliverd to the present King on the 2 of March following, and Deposd an Oath, that the Copy was truly taken from the Original, as the late Queen in France gave it to Me with her own Hand, which Letter was by Me delivered back to the Queen upon My being Recal'd to Saint Germans, as I was upon My Journey to England upon the account of Mrs. Mary Grey's being taken in Paris, as You have it set down in My first Narrative.*

## OBSERVATION I.

By this Letter it is easie to discern how much the late Queen fear'd the Consequence of this Womans getting safely into England, and surely, were not the Cause extraordinary, Her Majesty (whose Soul is haughty enough) would not be so Frighed at her Escape: But the Interest of the Holy Church was as the Stake, that is, the Imposture, she fear'd, would be Exposed, & her Masterpiece of Intrigue brought to nothing, but redound to her eternal dishonour; So poor Ms. Grey must Die, whatever Trouble or Pains it cost, even one of the best Friends the late Queen had in England, and that too at her first Landing, before the mighty Secret was divulged, and what that Secret was, surely her Majesty in this Letter does Her self so plainly hint at, that it needs no further Interpretation. The next was given me at the same time, and is much to the same Purpose.

*A Letter from the late Queen to the Right Honourable, the E. of Castlemain, on the same Occasion: Dated at St. Germain's, Feb. 10. 1690.*

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## LETTER II.

**I** Never, My Lord, had any Occasion of greater Consequence (than what now offersnow) to try Your Disposition for the King's and my own Service. Nor do I in the least question Your Diligence in executing my Wil, when You know (as is too true) that Ms. Grey, who came from Ireland with the Dutches of Tyrconnel in 1688 is by the same means stoln out of the Cloyster, and upon Examination appears too plain, that she must be assisted by some Agent of the Prince of Oranges, and consequently designed to be conveyed to England, and made the Instrument of Our Disgrace; which Motive obliges Me to desire You, with al imaginable Speed, to go in Disguise with such a number of proper Persons as You shall judg convenient to the coast of Kent, where most conveniently she may be Landed near Deal. I have writ to My Lord Montgomery to go to Rummy-Marsh, and wish You to confer together before it be too late. I hope the Goodness of Our Cause will inspire Hour Zeal, to Act as becomes a Christian and Faithful Subject. The Bearer will inform You more, from,  
 Your assured Friend, Mary R.

*It was also copyed by M. William Fuller, being delivered to him by the Late Queens own Hand, and made up in the Pipe of a Key, as the former to the Lord Montgomery; and was Orderd to be deliver'd to the Earl of Castlemain in England, but Returned back to the Queen at M. Fuller's being call'd back to S. Germaines.*

*This Copy was also delivered to his present Majesty King Wil: by Me, at the same time with the former, when I Deposd on Oath that it is a true Copy of the late Queens Letter.*

Observation II. The Queen here speaks so very plain to this Lord, that nothing can well Express a greater Concern: She terms it the greatest She ever had; And no doubt but She thought it so at that Time; For the first News of Ms. Grey's escape, put Her into a Fever; And  
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its true that the Queen kept Her Chamber two Days upon it. Her Majesty was much afraid of the Prince of *Oranges* Agents: So true it is that Guilty Persons Tremble at evry shadow. *The whole Letter is so plain that I need say no more about it.*

## LETTRE III.

**W**HEN I wrote last by *Hays*, I was under some Mortification concerning Mrs. *Grey*, who that Morning made her escape, and gave us, upon some Examination, a Jealousie that she was convey'd to *England*; but I am very Thankful to Almighty GOD that we had no occasion to trouble you concerning her there: She is now safe, past doing any Damage; but I fear that the Concern we were under, and the Search we caus'd to be made after her, has a little taken Air, and is convey'd to the Knowledge both of some of our Friends and Enemies in *England*, which is proper to be stifled: Therefore, I have given Directions to *Carrol*, to send you full Instructions how to proceed with Mrs. *Grey's* Relations now in *London*, to prevent their Resentment of our proceedings, which otherwise may be of ill Consequence, and their Rashness (the common Defect of their Countrey-mens Judgement) may give dangerous occasions to the never ceasing Watchfulness of our Enemies: And at this time it much behoves us to prevent even the least Disputes among our good Subjects: And to this purpose, I have ordered a sufficient Sum of Money to be remitted amongst the Bills which *F.* brings over to *Ashton*. I pray GOD to give a Gracious Issue to this, and all other your Endeavours, for His Glory and the Defence of the King. I am

*Your Friend, Mary R.*

Mr.



Mr. *Crone* coming from *France* with Mr. *Fuller*, the latter caus'd him for to be apprehended; and the said *Crone* in *June* following being arraign'd at the *Old Baily* for High-Treason, by a Commission of *Oyer and Terminer* for that purpose, before the then Lord Mayor, Sir *Tho: Pilkinton*, and all the Judges of *England*, after a long and most fair Tryal, Mr. *Crone* was found Guilty of High-Treason, and received Sentence accordingly: And several Warrants were sign'd for his Execution, which was from time to time put off by 24 several Reprieves, until the said *Crone* gave to the present Government a free Confession, of what he knew of the designs carrying on against the present Government at that time; all which he not only gave to His Majesty's Ministers of State in Writing, but afterwards deposed on Oath, That all the Matter contain'd in those Papers was Truth, and that this and others were the true Letters which he brought from the late *Queens* own hand. And this Confession of Mr. *Crone's* was laid before the Honourable House of Commons, according to an Address of that Honourable House to His Majesty, in *November 1692.* for that purpose. Note. Mr. *Crone* having obtain'd his Pardon in *June*, was let out of *Newgate* for his Health, the Government not believing he ever would venture into *France* again, and after having made so large a Confession and Discovery of the Court of *St. Germain's*, which was so very material, that Mr. *Crone* continu'd in *England* until His Majesty's Attorney-General had proceeded upon the Prosecuting such as *Crone* and *Fuller* had given Information against, there's no doubt but it had prevented several Conspiracies, which have since been carryed on by the same conspiring Hands: But But *Crone* went for *France*, and some affirm it was by Invitation from King *James*, with Assurance of His Pardon and Favour. Others affirm, He was carryed on ship-board by six Men disguised who came Armed by Night, taking

taking him by Force, and Gagging Him, convey'd Him into a Boat, and so off. But however it were, he is now in France, and used kindly, which shews his being there is very agreeable to the Court of *St Ger mains*. And considering he was made a Major of Horse on the Account of his being serviceable, in going betwixt France, England and Ireland, the two first Years of the War, when the greatest Conspiracies were on Foot; it cannot but be Imagined but this *Crone* was greatly Instructed by the Late King *James* and his Queen, even in their most secret Intrigues; and what he did confess to to the Government was so plainly demonstrated, that there is no Room for the least Particular. Besides, it confirmed every Particular of what *Fulcr* had given in Information before; And both were afterwards confirmed by the Viscount *Preston*, only this and some other Letters *Mr. Crone* was only privy to, which He confirmed on Oath came from the late Queens own Hands in France; and a more positive Proof surely cannot be Required. So I proceed to make a short Observation from some parts of it, viz.

Observation III. Now the Queen writes the Letter, her Fears concerning *Mrs Grey* being over, but yet some Jealousies Remain of their late Dealings with *Mrs. Grey's* taking Air. The Queen is mighty Jealous of the Spyes in France, and knowing that King *William* and his Royal Consort, had some time before the Revolution learnt something of this intreague, and the pretended Princes being *Mrs. Greys* Son: Her late Majesty at *St. Ger mains* ( who wants not thought ) instantly weighs how much it concern'd her to keep this Murther and dealings with *Mrs. Grey*, as secret as might be, well knowing, that the least Air or Knowledge of it in England would put an end to her pretended Sons Right. The Persons the Queen most dreaded, were *Mrs. Greys* Relations, who were some of them in England, but all Natives of Ireland, and Priests: Her Majesty orders her Secretary,

Mr.

Mr. Carrol, to provide and send over Means to stop their Mouths, that was an Invitation into *France*, with the promise of Perseverment and a Sum of Money, the seldom or never failling Cure for all Mischief: Mr. *Ash-ton* was to pay the Money, he was Her Majesty's Treasurer in *England*, and since hanged for his Zeal in a bad Cause, which the Queen terms, God's Glory and the Kings Service.

The next is Letter wrote by Father *Lewis Sabran*, a Jesuit and Chaplain to the pretended Prince of *Wales*, to the Dutchess of *Tyrconnel* in *Ireland*, and was sent by *Fuller*, who was sent to that Kingdom by the late Queen from *France*, by the way of *England*, where F. opened the said Letter, shewing it to the late Queen of ever Blessed Memory, who ordered the Copy to be taken after which *Fuller* went for *Ireland*, and delivered the said Letter as directed; Dated at *St. Germans*, *March* 15th. 1689.

#### L E T T E R IV.

Madam,

I N obedience to the Commands I received from your Grace, I have several times visited Mrs. *Mary Grey*, endeavouring to convince her, how inconsistent with Reason her several requests to your Grace are; I assured her how kindly ready you were to condescend to the doing her every good Office which might conduce to her Eternal, as well as perfect Happiness; And I thought my self at first happy, by having fully evinced her, how much she was mistaken by desiring to leave the Holy Societe, which she now enjoys, and the Dangers that attend a Woman of her Constitution, by being abroad in the World, where all things strive to wound the Soul: I urged to her the Consideration of her former Miscarriage; and much Repentance she has continually to send up her prayers, and endure a continual Mortification to merit Blessings to ensure, that by him so many Millions might one

made happy: Much more I offered, and pressed it home; but tho' then she seem'd satisfied, I am sorry to tell your Grace, that she is now run into the Extravagancy of meer Frenzy, and nothing will content her, unless the Queen permit her leave to take some Employ that she may attend the Prince continually: I dare not let the Queen as yet know it, but have left it to the Discretion of my good Lady, the Dutchess of Powis, to inform her Majesty, as she finds occasion (tho' I heartily wish there may be none,) I have twice obtained leave by the Queens Commands to my Reverend Lady Abbess, for Mrs. Greys coming to St. Germain's to see the Child, which, I fear, has done more hurt than contrary wise; Malady seems to be much increased. I truly pity her, and pray for her, begging your Grace to write frequently to her, for I knew nothing that so much Influence with her as your Graces prudent Admonitions. Blessed GOD the Prince thrives even beyond Expectation, and I hope, the whole Court of his Life will be blest to Crown their Majesty's, and your Graces most worthy Endeavours. I am, Madam, your Graces most humble, and Devoted Servant, *Lewis Sabran.*

This Letter with the following, and several others were taken in a Trunk of the said Dutchess of Tyrconnel's, which Trunk was left at her Daughters in Dublin, and being search'd soon after the the Fight of the Bayne, the said Letters were presented to the King, and afterwards remitted to the Queen in England; then by Command delivered to me, in order to the publishing them with other Papers.

*Observation IV.* Mrs. Grey being a Relation of the E. of Tyrconnel's and by his and his Ladys Istigation drawn into this fatal Intreague, the Countess of Tyrconnel to whom Mrs. Grey made her frequent Appeals from the Monastery, injoyns Father Sabran to give her Advice; Mrs. Grey being uneasy for being kept so Close from her Child, who no doubt, was very dear to her, though raised to such a height of Princely Honours, that she,

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poor Lady, begg'd only to be his Minal Servant: But the Queen and others judge it not proper for these Reasons; First, That the Women of *Ireland* are the most Passionat Lover of Children in the World, which might have given Cause of Observation. Secondly, The present King of *England*, as before-mentioned, having some Notice of this Intreague, might by some means, they at *St. Geramins* suspected, have found out ways to get her off, which could not, they knew, be so easily done at the Cloyster. The Father in his Letter plainly calls the pretended Price her Son, and sets forth what mighty Deeds he hopes to see accomplish'd by him; and surely, were he not her Son, why should such Care be taken to gratify her, in carrying her to *St. Germain's* to see him. The Latter is very plain and true.

The next which was found in the Dutchess of *Tyrconnel's* Trunk, is a Letter from the Marchioness of *Powis*, to the Dutchess of *Tyrconnel* in *Ireland*, Dated at *Germain's*, Feb. 23. 1690.

#### LETTER V.

Dear Madam,

I Wish to shun this Talk, and be assured that nothing but the Queens indisputable Command could extort it from me, to tell you what Mrs. *Greys* folly had at last wrought that, both you and I know, that all her Friends feared would in some measure happen to her. Indeed, my dearest Lady, it is unspeakable how many Fears and Frights she has by her continual Uneasiness put the good Queen into, and that by reason she was not admitted continually to attend the Prince, which if it had been allowed her, must have terminated in the overthrow of all the Queens Genius, and the Glorious Design of our Holy Cause: And her strange Uneasiness could not but give divers Thoughts to the Queen to the Queen and others; especially that unadvised Act of Stealing from the Convent, which favoured too much of a secret Correspondence with the Rebellious Subjects, who saw too deeply into the Matter, when your Grace came



come to London with her ; And so miserably stubborn (if  
 not worse) was her Temper, that nothing but her  
 Death could give Security of preventing the wretched  
 Effects of her folly ; and that she must now under-  
 go ( I wish it might be order'd otherwise ) but present  
 it seems impossible ; And there is so many Reasons  
 for hastning of her Death, that fear it will not be delay-  
 ed. Let not then the News, dear Madam, surprize you,  
 but the thoughts of so Glorious a Design supply the loss  
 of one, I know you dearly loved : For who indeed  
 would not themselves lay down a Thousand Lives for  
 such a Cause ( if it were in their power ) Let this then  
 be your Repose, that we cannot be Instruments of Gods  
 Glory, and the Holy Churches Prosperity at too dear a  
 rate. The good Queen is much diurb'd that, that things  
 of necessity urg'd to such a period, and would do any-  
 thing ( were it possible to divert it ) The Prince is very  
 well, and Mrs. Grey is now in my Lodging ; so that in a  
 few Days, your Grace shall know a final event. I am  
 much concern'd at the Fears you daily suffer, and hope  
 I will shortly avert them, that we may meet with Praise  
 to the Divine Bounty, and unspeakable Joy to each other.  
 I may give my Service to your good Lord and Family ;  
 I am, Madam, your most humble Servant. *Powis.*  
 This foregoing is a plain Demonstration of Mrs. *Alway*  
 being designedly to be put to Death, in order to  
 prevent any discovery she might make of the pretended  
 Prince of Wales, being her Son, of which the late Queen  
 was extremely jealous, and that not without sufficient  
 cause, as doth appear by Mr. *Carol*, the late Queens Se-  
 cretary, by her Majesties Command, the said Letter was  
 found in the Lady *Tyrconnells* Trunk, and sent over to  
 Ireland with the former, and being expos'd to several  
 persons of Honour of Mr. *Carols* Acquaintance is judg'd  
 each of them to be write by his own hand ; and that  
 was found, in my Lady *Tyrconnells* Trunk, is sufficiently  
 proved by several Witnesses that were at the opening  
 of the same, it is dated at St. Germain's, Feb: 24.

*Observation V. The Dutches of Powis [the Queens chief Confident]; here excuses the Proceedings against Ms. Grey to the Dutches of Tyrconnel; Tels her plainly the Queens Sentiments, and why Ms. Grey must Die. This Dutches speaks plainly, so I need observe no more but proceed to Letter VI.*

## LETTER VI.

May it Please Your Grace,

**I** Am comanded by the Queen to inform you, that of Necessity Ms. Grey must be put to Death; for Reasons Your Grace has, I suppose, Received from the Dutches of Powis, and Father Sabran: But however just, this may appear to Judicious Person; it may possibly (Notwithstanding all Endeavours used to the contrary) Mrs. Grys Relations, especially her Sister, whom the Queen supposes to be with your Grace; and at least she in the hight of passion should let slip out that, may do hurt; Her Majesty thinks it advisable that your Grace should take a fit occasion to inform her first in the Cause, and then the absolute Necessity of her Death; and it's Her Majesty's pleasure, that no Incouragement should be wanting to her Sister, either in Ireland, or if you Judge convenient to send her over to St: Germans As for other Relations in England, I have sent Instructions to pacifie them; And I have no more to add in this Matter, not doubting your Grace's Managment in this as well as other weighty affairs, I am Madam, Your Grace's most Humbly Devoted Servant.

W. Carrel.

*Observation VI. Mr. Secretary Carrel by the Queen's command, further shews the D. of Tyrconnel the necessity of Ms. Grey's Death, and greatly applauds the Act, which He says al Judicious Men must approve just (but certainly He means no other for Judicious but those of St Germans Cabin Council) You see how careful He is by His Mistress's command to secure Ms. Grey's Sister, who no doubt, must hear of her Sisters death, and most certainly wuld be concerned much at it. But here is nothing omitted to prevent a discovery of this horrid Deed, & it was wisely thought*

on to get the Sister into France, where no doubt she would be soon made as silent as her deceas'd Sister. If the Gentlemen or Ladies at *St. Germain's* found her prating. The Dutchess of *Tyrconnel*, as well as others, has her part to Act, to the very end of the matter: And for Intrigues, surely. Our Roman Ladys surpass all others.

After these Letters, which are a plain Demonstration that *Ms Grey* is the true Mother: I shal Lay before You a Letter which I receaved from *Ireland*, a short time after the Publishing my former Books, it was writ by joint Consent of *Robert Fitz Gerald. Esq;* and *Mr. Roger Hamilton*, both of *Dublin*, and Persons of Honourable Families, and of good Report, they being Gentlemen of considerable Fortunes. Their Letter is Dated at *Dublin, Dec. 2. 1690.*

*Mr. William Fuller.*

Sir,

WE whose Names hereunto Subscribed, do jointly assure You, That we are very sorry we had not the Opportunity of knowing Your Design before You Published Your Narrative, relating to *Ms. Grey*, the justly supposed Mother of the sham Prince of *Wales*: But however, if You have Occasion to Publish any thing more on that Subject, we desire that these our joynt following Relation of her may be published also, we being Ready to confirm the same upon Oath in any of his Majestie's Courts of Judicature here, or before any Lawfull Magistrate, if call'd thereunto, viz. This *Mary Grey* is the second Daughter of *Mr. James Grey*, who lived at *Kilkenny* and left three other Children at his Decease, whih he had by his own Wife, and who surviv'd Him, and she being a Relation to the Earl of *Tyrconnel*, the said Widow with her two Daughters were much Favoured and succoured by the said Earl: And this *Ms Grey*, whom You mention, after her Mothers Decease (which was in the Year 1686) was wholly maintained, and that in much Splendor by the Earle of *Tyrconnel*, which gave a reasonable suspicion to us, and several others, that he had debauch'd her. But a little time after she retir'd into the Nunnery, Which

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we had in this City, as she pretended, not with a Design to be a profess'd Nun, but to take off the Cause of that Scandal which was spread Abroad concerning the Earle visiting her often privately in her Lodgings, and to abate that Adversion which the Countess of Tyrconel had been observ'd at that time to take against Mrs. Gray, to whom the said Countess before had alwise shew'd the greatest Kindness imaginable; And after her being in a Cloyster, to our most certain Knowledge: she was frequently visited by the Countess of Tyrconel and her Daughters, when they were in Dublin; and that Countess having been some time absent, at returne, came the very next day to see Trs Gray, and we whose Names are hereunto Subscrib'd, having been formerly favour'd with her Company, as visiting our Wives frequently, did twice go to the Nunnery and saw her; And hearing in May 1688, that she was going from the Convent for England, we repair'd thither, to wish her a good Voage; and our Wives doing the same, and they only being admitted, told us, that certainly Mrs Mary Gray was big with Child, and a going for England to Lie in there: This gave us a Desire to take the Opportunity of seeing her as she went on Board the *Monmouth* Yatch with the Countess, and with much difficulty we had the Opportunity not only of seeing her on Board the Yatch but leave again to wish her a good Voyag to England; and then we saw plainly she was big with Child, This is what we can freely depose upon Oath, and there is many more in this City, who know the same to be Truth. We have under written sen you our Wives Informations, according to their Knowledge; and hope this hidden Mystery will be plainly made appear to the World. We are, Sir, your most Oumble Servants,

Robert Fitz Gerald,

Roger Hamilton.

This Letter was brought to me from these Gentlemen, by John Smith, Gent. who lives in Chappel-Street in Dublin.

WE

**W**E whose Names are hereunto Subscrib'd do  
declare, and are ready to make Oath, that in  
May 1688, we visited Mrs. Mary Grey in  
the Nursery, in this City of Dublin, and being private with  
her (our most intimate Acquaintance) we discov'rd her to  
be with Child, which we franklie charg'd her with. Upon  
which, after some Tears let fall, she ingeniously owned to us  
that she was with Child by the Earle of Tyrconel, then Lord  
Deputie of Ireland, and that she was going over with his  
Countess, in order to Lie in at London. In Witness hereof, we  
have hereunto set our Hands this 13. of December, 1696

Mary Fitz Gerald  
Katharine Hamilton.

All I shall say concerning these Assertions, is, that u-  
Enquiry, the Persons who wrote them, are of unble-  
mish'd Reputation, and so well known, that I cannot  
hear of any (tho' many persons of Quality and others,  
have seen the foregoing Letter) who can give the least  
Reason for Invalidating their Testimoney, which is also  
confirm'd by many more; so apparent is it, that the  
late Earle of Tyrconnel was the true Father of the pretend-  
ed Prince of Wales.

I have thus shew'd you part of the Letters I promised,  
and according as I have occasion, I shall publish the Re-  
mainder, being a much greater Parcel: And these  
being sufficiently prov'd Authentick, will begin, if re-  
quir'd, on the strictest Scrutiny imaginable; I am con-  
tented to see if my Adversaries will give any Answer:  
which if they prove so candid as to do, on plain honest  
Terms, I shall be oblig'd to them, and think it my hap-  
piness, by publishing what remains, to put this Matter  
(if possible) out of Dispute. Therefore, I would humbly  
beg this favour of them to stick close the matter of Fact,  
otherwise I shall not concern my self to make a Reply.

W. Fuller.

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